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TAGS : OREP (PERCY, CHARLES), PFOR US QA XF ENRG

SUBJECT : CODEL PERCY: AMIR OF QATAR CRITICIZES US MID EAST  
POLICY IN CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR PERCY

1. SUMMARY: DURING FRANK AND LIVELY TWO-HOUR JAN 12 CON-  
VERSATION WITH SENATOR PERCY, AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA  
BIN HAMAD AL THANI, WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CURRENT US  
POSTURE IN MID EAST. KHALIFA'S COMMENTS CLEARLY CATALYZED  
BY SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. AT SAME TIME, QATARIS  
OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT BEING INCLUDED ON VIP VISITOR CIRCUIT.  
SENATOR RESPONDED TO AMIR'S REMARKS CITING US EFFORTS TO  
FACILITATE MID EAST SETTLEMENT, AND US ACTIONS EVIDENCING ITS  
FRIENDSHIP FOR ARABS. PERCY VISIT WAS USEFUL AND TIMELY, AND  
SENATOR ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT REPPORT WITH KHALIFA. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING AMIR, ARABS STILL WAITING FOR US TO COMPEL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. AMIR ACCUSED US OF LETTING ITS GOOD FRIENDS SADAT AND FAISAL DOWN ALTHOUGH THEY HAD STAKED POLITICAL FUTURE ON PRO-US ATTITUDES. AMIR SAID WHILE EGYPT RECEIVED "ONLY PROMISES", FROM US ISRAELIS OBTAINED FINANCIAL AID AND MOST MODERN WEAPONRY. IN ADDITION, US HAD PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN ASSISTING JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM SOVIET UNION TO ISRAEL. CROWNING BLOW, SAID KHALIFA, WERE SECRETARY'S "THREATS" AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS IN BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW.

3. AMIR ASSERTED THAT ARABS EXPECT PROTECTION NOT THREATS FROM US AND ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT US WANTED FROM ARABS. KHALIFA STATED ARABS WANTED COOPERATION WITH US IN ALL FIELDS, BUT HE DESCRIBED PRESENT US ATTITUDES AND PARTICULARLY BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW AS "DESTRUCTIVE" OF US/ARAB FRIENDSHIP. HE SPECIFICALLY WARNED THAT IF SUCH US ATTITUDES CONTINUED, SADAT REGIME IN EGYPT, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE OVERTHROWN, AND HE CITED IN THIS REGARD RECENT "COMMUNIST" RIOTS IN EGYPT. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT US PUBLIC WOULD EVENTUALLY DEMAND POLICY SHIFT WHEN IT WAS PERCEIVED THAT US LOSING ECONOMICALLY BECAUSE OF ITS CURRENT STANCE IN AREA. AMIR URGED THAT US ACCELERATE PEACE PROCESS WHICH HE BELIEVED HAD BEEN RECENTLY PLAGUED BY DELAYS AND ANTI-ARAB US ACTIONS. HE CAUTIONED THAT TIME WAS SHORT AND IMPLIED US RISKED LOSING ARAB GOOD WILL ACCUMULATED BY SECRETARY'S EFFORTS DURING PAST YEAR.

4. SENATOR PERCY COUNTERED AMIR'S CRITICISM BY POINTING OUT THAT SECRETARY HAD GIVEN MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION TOP PRIORITY AND HAD PERSONALLY UNDERTAKEN EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS TO FACILITATE PEACE SETTLEMENT. SENATOR LISTED OTHER US ACTIONS EVIDENCING ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR ARAB WORLD, SUCH AS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED LARGE SALE OF F-5S TO SAUDIS AND PERMISSION FOR TRANSFER OF IRANIAN \$;-5S # TO JORDAN. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO SENATOR, IN FACE OF STRONG DOMESTIC OPPOSITION, IS HAD OFFERED NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGY, FOOD AND OTHER AID TO EGYPT. SENATOR TOLD AMIR THAT PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAD URGED HIM TO VISIT QATAR AND OTHER GULF STATES FOR FIRST-HAND APPRAISAL OF WAYS US CAN BE HELPFUL IN AREA AND HOW, WITH US COOPERATION, US AND GULF STATES COULD WORK TOGETHER TO ASSIST LESS FORTUNATE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SENATOR  
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SAID HE WOULD BE REPORTING HIS IMPRESSIONS TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

5. COMMENT: SENATOR PERCY'S VISIT WAS TIMELY AND EXTREMELY USEFUL. SENATOR ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH AMIR, WHO CANCELLED SCHEDULED CABINET MEETING TO CONTINUE

DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR. QATARIS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY THEIR  
INCLUSION ON VIP VISITOR CIRCUIT. AMIR'S CRITICAL REMARKS  
RE US POLICY CLEARLY CATALYZED BY SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK  
INTERVIEW.  
END COMMENT.

6. DURING COURSE OF SENATOR PERCY'S VISIT, HE WAS REQUESTED  
TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR SENATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.  
SENATOR DECIDED THAT BREAKING OFF TRIP WOULD BE UNWISE. (INFORMATION  
IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO SENATOR PERCY'S  
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